

## ***“Jesus: the Bread of Life, part 3”***

*John 6:41-59*

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In John 6:41-59, Jesus addresses the Jewish critics in the synagogue at Capernaum, expanding on His scandalous claim of being “the bread of life.” He is speaking metaphorically about spiritual realities. His religious critics are thinking concretely about earthly realities. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.

### **Critics of the Bread of Life—those who do not believe (6:41-43)**

*“So the Jews grumble about Him because He said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven’” (41)*

### **Commissioning the Bread of Life—sent by the Father; foretold by Scripture (6:44-51)**

*“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (44)*

*“It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God’ ” (45)*

### **Controversy over the Bread of Life—truth divides (6:52-56)**

*“The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat’” (52)*

### **Coming to the Bread of Life—those will receive eternal life (6:57-59)**

*“Whoever feeds of this bread will live forever” (58)*